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Sir:

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NON-PRIOR ART DOCUMENTS

Enclosed for the examiner's consideration are copies of foreign Office Actions issued in the following applications which relate to the present application:

Chinese Application No. 2004800016254, having an Office Action mailing date of April 27, 2007; and

Canadian Application No. 2,509,790, having an Office Action mailing date of February 6, 2007.

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